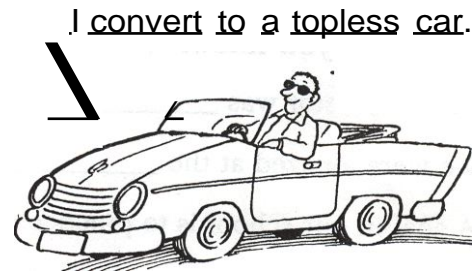


Suffixes -ance, -ity, -al, -less, -ible

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A SUFFIX IS A WORD PART THAT IS ADDED TO THE END OF A WORD AND CHANGES THE WORD'S MEANING.

- ance and -ity mean "state of being"
- al means "relating to"
- less means "lack of"
- ible means "can be"



Tolerance is respect for others.

A convertible is something that can be changed.

Arrogance is pride.

Velocity is speed. / Hospitality is a warm welcome for guests.

If something is sensational, it is outstanding. / Stoical means "indifferent to pleasure or pain."

When someone is remorseless, that person has no pity.

If you are defenseless, you have no way of protecting yourself.

Irreversible means "unable to be changed."

A. Read the words in each row. Write a vocabulary word that means almost the same thing.

1. impassive, unaffected
2. merciless, pitiless
3. haughtiness, self-importance
4. rapidity, swiftness
5. spectacular, exciting
6. vulnerable, helpless
7. consideration, forbearance
8. permanent, unalterable

B. Underline the suffix in each word.

1. convertible
2. hospitality

SufFIXes -anee, -jt~, -'', -less, -jllie

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A. Use what you know. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

- The instructor was _____ and kept the class working despite the heat.
- We were amazed at the _____ of the puck as it flew over the ice.
- A goal in our school is to practice _____ for all.
- Bonnie thanked her hosts for their kind _____.
- Jackie chased the cat away from the _____ baby bird.
- The damage from the flood is extensive and _____ in some places.
- The acrobats in the circus really put on a _____ show.
- Despite her injury, Verna was _____ about the pain.
- The occupants of the _____ stopped to put the top down.
- Donna thought the guide showed great _____ toward the people who weren't familiar with art.

B. Read each question. Choose the best answer.

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| 1. Where could you find hospitality? | <input type="radio"/> inn | <input type="radio"/> theater | <input type="radio"/> garage |
| 2. What's a top hit? | <input type="radio"/> stoical | <input type="radio"/> sensational | <input type="radio"/> remorseless |
| 3. Which one has wheels? | <input type="radio"/> conversion | <input type="radio"/> convertible | <input type="radio"/> convert |
| 4. Which one's defenseless? | <input type="radio"/> soldier | <input type="radio"/> marine | <input type="radio"/> infant |

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Explain how a suffix changes the meaning of a word. Use at least four vocabulary words as examples.